

REMARKS

By this Amendment, Applicants have amended claims 1, 22, 43, 68 and 69, and cancelled claims 65 and 66, such that claims 1-64 and 67-69 remain pending in this Application.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-69 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. In particular, the Examiner objected to the preamble as not being commensurate with the body of the claim. In response, Applicants have amended the preamble of the independent claims such that the claims are directed to "processing purchasing data," which comports with the last clause of the claims. As to the term "processing," it is not vague, but merely broad, as the Examiners correctly points out. Applicants thus submit that claims 1-64 and 67-69 comply with § 112, second paragraph and that the rejection should be withdrawn.

The Examiner also rejected claims 1-3, 7, 10-15, 17-24, 28, 31-36, 38-45, 49, 52-57, and 59-64 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being unpatentable over Walker and rejected claims 4-6, 8-9, 16, 25-27, 29-30, 37, 46-48, 50-51, 58, 65, and 68-69 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Walker and Dicker. While Applicants do not agree with these rejections, Applicants desire to conclude prosecution of this application.

In this regard, the Examiner indicated that claim 66 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. By this Amendment, Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to include all of the limitations of dependent claim 66 and intervening claim 65. Applicants have made similar amendments to the other independent claims, namely,

claims 22, 43, 68 and 69. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 1-64, and 67-69 are now in condition for allowance.

For each of the reasons above, therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the outstanding rejections, and timely allow pending claims 1-64 and 67-69.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

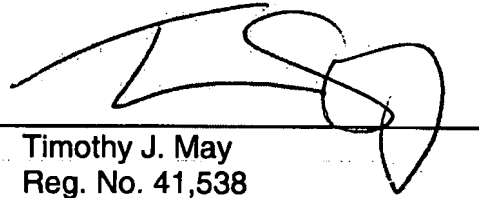
Respectfully submitted,

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